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# The ELI Weekly

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## Busch Gardens *Theme Park Fun!*

WHAT: Busch Gardens is a theme park in Tampa. It is famous for its roller coasters and its wild animals. Among the roller coasters is "Sheikra", that has two 90 degree angle drops making it the first coaster of its kind in the Americas and only the third in the world. This is one of the most popular trips of the semester, don't miss it!

For more information visit their website at [www.buschgardens.com](http://www.buschgardens.com)

WHEN: Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will meet at The TRiP Office on the ground floor of the Reitz Union at 8:30 AM. The park will be open until 10:00 PM. Depending on the group decision, we may return to Gainesville as late as 12:30 PM. We will go rain or shine.

TRANSPORTATION: This is a van trip so you must purchase a transportation pass at The TRiP Office on the ground floor of the Reitz Union.

COST: Busch Gardens admission tickets for Florida residents are \$61.95 for adults and \$51.95 for kids. Bring your Gator 1 card or Florida driver's license to prove that you are a Florida resident.

You can buy your admission ticket to Busch Gardens now and use it as many times as you want until December 31, 2007.

Bring money for food and souvenirs.

### New Grammar Lab!

In order to address the need of the number of low level students who have been asking to take Grammar for Writing class (despite being far too low for the class), Noreen has offered to lead a "Grammar Lab" for any interested students, from 4:30 - 5:30 starting next week (Tuesday, June 5) on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We won't charge for this lab, as this is our first attempt at offering something like this (Thank you, Noreen!). We'll tentatively schedule the lab in 313, but it may change, depending upon the number of students interested.

Check it out!

### Notes from the Office

- **Class Attendance**-Remember, your attendance is very, very important. Your teachers are

taking note of both your absences and your tardies in every class every day.

- **Student Mailbox**-Don't forget to check the student mailbox in the main office from time to time. There is mail for some returning students already.

### The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be going **Tubing on the Ichetucknee**. Details about the trip will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

### Afternoon Activities

The following is our activity schedule for the semester; this may change from time to time, so please watch the Activities Board.

Basketball (Forest)	4:45pm Monday	Meet at Norman Garage; Free
Dinner at Moe's in Royal Plaza (Olga)	5:30pm Tuesday	Meet at Bus Stop at Ben and Jerry's on University Avenue; \$4-10 for food

Coffee Talk (Max and Michele/Josh)	7pm Wednesday	Meet at Kay's Coffee on Archer Road (New Location!); Bring money for coffee.
Pool and Bowling (LaDaun)	5pm Thursday	Meet at Reitz Union Game Room; \$5
Movie and Dessert (Andy and Tracy)	5:45pm Friday	Meet at Bus Stop at Ben and Jerry's on University Avenue; \$5 for movie + extra for food; Bring UF ID

Activities may be added or cancelled during the semester; we'll keep you updated!

## Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of June 1-7:

Students:

June 1: Natalia Cundari

June 1: Sang-Gunn Jang

June 2: Lina Maria Camacho

Staff:

None this week!

## Manners and Culture

Well, we STILL don't have any questions from you guys! So, here are some from last semester.

*Q: Why isn't there a big Arabic restaurant in Gainesville?*

A: Interesting question. Mostly, it's simple economics once again. We don't have a large Arab population in Gainesville, and Middle-Eastern food isn't one of the more popular types of food all across the US. So, for now, it's difficult to keep an Arab restaurant going in a town this size. Maybe someday one of our students can be really enterprising and start a good one up!

*Q: Why can't I get good coffee at the ELI? The coffee in the Florida room is terrible.*

A: Honestly, I wish I had a good answer for this one. Your manners columnist very sincerely wishes he could get better coffee here, too!

*Q: Why are there not more taxis in Gainesville?*

A: Low demand. Most people in Gainesville have their own cars.

*Q: Why can't you drink at 18 but you can buy a gun at that age?*

A: Have you thought of going into politics? That's a really good question. The answers are probably more political than anything else. We raised the drinking age all across the US when we raised the speed limit back up from 55 a number of years ago. It was a political compromise that was supposed to reduce the number of drinking and driving accidents. On the other hand, it's very difficult in the US to make gun sales more restrictive. The mood among the US population is usually against it.

## Quote of the Week

I believe the choice to be excellent begins with aligning your thoughts and words with the intention to require more from yourself.

--Oprah Winfrey



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